

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 18, 20, 21-24 and 26-30 remain pending in the application. Applicant appreciatively notes that claims 1, 13, 18, 21-24, and 26-30 are allowed and that claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 14-16, 19 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xu et al (6,401,027) in view of Holland (6,321,091). For the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this application, and not because Applicant agrees with this rejection, claims 14-17, 19 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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